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## A Tribute To Debs

By REV. SAMUEL S. CONDO

My text words are from the creed of Robert G. Ingersoll, reading as follows:

"There are persons so radiant, so genial, so kind, so pleasure-bearing, that you instinctively feel in their presence that they do you good, whose coming into a room is like the bringing of a lamp there."—Henry Ward Beecher.

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approvingly, cheering words while their eyes can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffin, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my body, I would much rather they bring them out in my wearied and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower than a funeral without a eulogy than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowery words in the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

work for the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company; first in the shops and later as a locomotive fireman. Here he worked for four years and often when, with lantern in hand, he kissed his dear mother goodby, she could not hide her tears of fear for his life when out on the unballasted prairie railroad. Afterward when he was offered a position in the Hulman & Cox grocery house at Terre Haute, he accepted it to the great joy of his mother.

In 1879 he was elected City Clerk of Terre Haute, where he served with honor to himself and the City for four years.

He had previously joined the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen when first organized in Terre Haute. He had organized the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and helped to organize the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association, the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and other labor unions, and at the Buffalo Convention in 1878, he was made associate editor of the Firemen's Magazine and in July, 1880, was appointed Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and Editor and Manager of the magazine.

When he took charge of the affairs of the office of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the order had but sixty lodges and a \$6,000 debt. In a short time he added two hundred and twenty-six lodges and wiped out the debt. At the Cincinnati Convention, he tendered his resignation in

## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY INCREASING

### Noted Speakers to Rush Campaign in Ohio; Locals Sending in Hurry Calls For Speakers

The Socialist Party campaign is on. This is a fact which we wish each comrade in Ohio to distinctly remember and to remember often. The campaign is on. Locals are requesting speakers daily. Enthusiasm is arising in every part of the state. Every indication points to a rushing campaign. Every local is urged to get into the business of pushing socialism in its locality. Get busy comrades. The campaign is on without let up from now until election day, when the workers of Ohio are going to poll a larger Socialist vote than ever before. Get on the job.

#### ROSS D. BROWN AWAKENS COLORED PEOPLE

Comrade Ross D. Brown, the colored Socialist lecturer, is continuing his meetings in Cleveland with most pronounced success. Street meetings are held nightly, which are proving a tremendous means of propaganda.

Work among the colored residents is progressing with every reason to believe that a strong local of colored men and women will soon be organized. The colored people are beginning to realize that they (like the white workers) have long been hoodwinked by the one class rule, and are now turning to the Socialist Party as class consciousness increases among them. Comrade Brown will continue speak-

ing for Local Cleveland during August. After September 1st he will tour the state. Locals are urged to arrange dates for this brilliant comrade. His meetings are always successful. He has the ability to make them so. Arrange a date for Brown.

**Lotta Burke Will Tour State**  
Comrade Lotta Burke, of Cincinnati, will be available for dates after the 25th of August. Comrade Burke needs no introduction to Ohio Socialists. Her ability on the platform has been proven on many lecture tours in this state. No local will regret an engagement of this clear, convincing speaker.

**Kate Richards O'Hare Coming**  
Kate Richards O'Hare will be available for fifteen dates in Ohio. The exact date of her entrance in this state is not yet assured. All locals desiring Kate O'Hare meetings will please write to the State Office immediately for a date. Comrades, don't miss this opportunity to hear this wonderful comrade. Write for a date reservation early and be one of the lucky locals to secure a meeting.

**Tom Lewis Begins Work in Ohio Soon**  
Tom Lewis, (Proletarian Tom) is coming back to Ohio. His work in this state will begin Sept. 1, and continue during the campaign.

Comrade Lewis' work in Ohio last spring was among the most effective

from a propaganda and organization standpoint that has ever been done in the state and we know the comrades throughout the state will be especially glad to learn that he will again enter the field here.

Comrade Lewis' ability as a lecturer upon Scientific Socialism and allied sciences has secured for him the unparalleled endorsement of thinkers in the movement. His enthusiasm, earnestness and sincerity of convictions, coupled with the admirable and witty manner of presenting his subject always makes a Lewis meeting a sure winner. We have the greatest expectations of a successful Lewis tour.

**Debs Available After Trial**  
Comrade Debs will fill about eight dates in Ohio the latter part of September. He will speak at Akron on Labor Day, which is the opening of the congressional campaign in that district. The comrades there are working on a splendid program for this occasion. The speech by Comrade Debs, a banquet and a dance are among the principal features.

It's high time the locals were putting on their fighting clothes and beginning the campaign work. Don't fail to do your part in this campaign. Don't think some one else will do the work you should do. There's a job for each of us. Let's each do our part.

## 8,000 Names in 8 Days!

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE IF THE STATE TICKET GETS ON THE BALLOT. GET ACTION ON YOUR PETITIONS COMRADES. IF YOU WANT TO VOTE, EARN THE RIGHT TO DO SO. WORK OR BE DISFRANCHISED! IT'S UP TO YOU. GET BUSY. DON'T BE A LEANER, BE A LIFTER. GIVE THE WORKERS A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR SOCIALISM.

## Urge Labor to Back Up Soviets

### National Socialist Conference Denounces Autocracy in All Forms

The Socialist Party, through its National Executive Committee at the National Conference, Aug. 10, adopted a statement on the Russian situation calling on the workers of the world to aid the Russian people in their struggle for freedom. The proclamation declares:

"Since the French Revolution established a new high mark of political liberty in the world, there has been no other advance in democratic progress and social justice comparable to the Russian revolution. The Russian people have cast behind them three centuries of czarist oppression. They have established an advanced form of democracy—a Socialist government—based on co-operative effort for the common good. They have cast aside the false idols of secret diplomacy and imperialism and are abolishing exploitation of every kind. Economically and socially, as well as politically, the Russian revolution has now become a government of the workers and for the workers.

"The French People, a century and a quarter ago, found all nations turned against them because of their ideals of political liberty. The Russian people are facing a similar experience because of their ideals of economic freedom. The forces of capitalism and reaction throughout the world are determined to crush the newly won freedom of the Russian workers.

"They are working with the remnants of the old regime and the wealthy bourgeois exiles for the overthrow of the Soviet government and for the restoration of the rule of feudalism and imperialism in Russia.

"German imperialism, recognizing democratic Russia as its worst enemy, has attempted to crush Russia from the west. It has wrested from Russia by brute force, under the legal form of a brigand's peace, the Russian border provinces and the great territory of the Ukraine, against the will of their peoples.

"Imperialists in the countries at war with Germany have adopted an attitude toward Russia similar to that of the Prussian Junkers who have been demanding an invasion of Russia from the east and north and the crushing of the Soviet Republic by the allied armies.

**Denounce Imperialists**  
"We denounce the schemes of these imperialists to use the Czechoslovaks as a counter-revolutionary force, against the declared will of the Czech-Slovaks themselves.

"We denounce as utterly incompatible with any principle of democratic or international decency any and all plans of invasion. Such action can only result in throwing Russia into a bloody struggle, of which German imperialism will be quick to take advantage. We believe that such an invasion would outrage every principle of justice and international law and make a re-arrangement of friendly international relations very difficult.

"Russian Junkers Foment Plots  
"The representatives of Russian Junkerdom in the allied capitals are now fomenting plots for the counter-revolution in Russia. They know that a reactionary government in Russia, such as they desire, could maintain itself to aid the Prussian Junkers, as do now the reactionary governments in Finland and the Ukraine. We urge the United States government not to assist these enemies of democracy and freedom.

"We call upon the workers throughout the world to aid the Russian people in their struggle for freedom.

**World's Workers Must Aid**  
"We call upon all true believers in democracy in the United States to join with us in urging our government to recognize the Russian Soviet Republic.

"The socialist party of the most powerful forces, it has endured for 10 months, successfully performing the great task of reconstructing the social and economic life of Russia. The Socialist Party of America declares itself in accord with revolutionary Russia and urges our government and our people to co-operate with it and to assist it, to the end that the democratic forces of the world may be victorious and autocracy and imperialism be banished forever.

proposed as representative of the views of sections of the party as to the policy to be advocated at the national council. The first motion, that of the extremists, demanding refusal of intervention in Russia, and a demand for a revision of the allied war aims; it received 6,099 votes. The third and fourth motions, similar in essentials, received 2,191 and 1,077 votes, respectively, and while approving of Socialist participation in the war, demanded an international conference to secure peace on the basis of the declaration made by President Wilson.

M. Cachen presented the third motion on behalf of the so-called Majority. — Christian Science Monitor.

### An Outlook For Democracy

By SCOTT NEARING

Many people look upon the war as the cradle of democracy. Out of it they see arising a chastened, revitalized, liberated world—safe for the human race.

"Will the war free us?  
"The democracy stand to gain from the continuance of the struggle?  
"One of the leaders of English thought, Prof. J. A. Hobson, answers both of these questions in the negative. "His book, 'Democracy After the War', a brilliant analysis of the results of three years of war upon democracy in England.

Professor Hobson sees the forces of democracy brought face to face with a highly organized, entrenched bureaucracy.

"The forces of reaction will be more closely consolidated than before, more conscious of their community of interest and of the part which they respectively can play in the maintenance of 'social order.' They will have had recent shocking testimony to the submissive and uncritical character of the people, and of their own ability to impose their arbitrary will upon the conduct of affairs in which the popular temper was supposed to be more sensitive. They will have at their disposal a large number of new legal instruments of coercion and the habits of obeying them derived from several years of use. The popular mind will be saturated with sentiments and ideas favorable to a constructive policy of national defense, imperialism, protectionism and bureaucratic socialism making for a closer state class control with the empty forms of representative government.

All the educational and suggestive institutions, church, schools and universities, press, places of amusement, will be poisoned with false patriotism and class domination masquerading as national unity.

This outlook is dark. It holds out little hope for the optimist who is waiting for the forces of evolution to play a ready-made salvation at his feet. Its grimness is relieved by one possibility.

Professor Hobson insists that "the survival of democracy must depend in the long run upon a new, determined and intelligent rally of the forces of labor in the cause of internationalism."

The sentence states the case and summarizes the issue—reaction versus an awakened, aggressive, international labor movement. The fate of the modern world hangs on the issue.

A wireless message from Russia officially confirms that the former Czar was shot July 16 by order of the Ural Regional Council. The approach of the Czech-Slovak bands, near Ekaterinburg, and the discovery of a new counter-revolutionary conspiracy are given as the reasons.

## Debs Defines Purpose of Socialist Movement

The mission and purpose of the Socialist Party was never better stated than in the following declaration by Eugene V. Debs:

"To free the workers of the world from the curse of wage-slavery and its countless brood of festering evils, to reorganize society upon a basis of co-operative industry in which all shall be workers, owning in common the machinery of production and producing wealth for their own enjoyment, is the prime object of the International Socialist Movement.

"To organize the workers into a working class political party through which to secure control of the powers of government, the law-making and law-enforcing machinery of the nation, to put into effect the above declared object is the mission of the Socialist Party.

"A more righteous cause never inspired men to action in this world.

"To secure control of government, the Socialist Party appeals to the working class and the ballot. Though standing for a complete revolution in the ownership and management of industry, its program is one of perfect peace.

"There has been a great industrial change in the last century. New conditions have arisen, and these demand a new system. Machines are now used instead of hand tools; great mills have taken the places of small shops, and armies of workers, co-operatively employed, are required to operate them.

"These machines and mills are at present the private property of a few capitalists and are operated purely for their profit.

"All the wealth the armies of workers produce above a bare living is taken from them by the capitalists, the owners of the mills and machines, who are also their industrial masters. These owners and masters can close their mills and exclude the workers from them at will. The workers are wholly dependent upon them and at their mercy.

"In modern society the capitalist, the owner of the machine, the tool of production, without which the worker can not work, and therefore can not live, has the power of life and death over his workmen, their wives and children.

"It is essentially a barbarous and demoralizing system in all its effect. The capitalist is calloused and debased, while the worker is enslaved and brutalized.

"A few capitalists are gorged and bloated to the bursting point. Their features are distorted and discolored by their vulgar excesses. Their better nature is besotted and conscience has been suffocated.

"A mass of workers are poverty-stricken. A mass of children are born to degeneracy, food for filth and misery, crime and death.

"These hideous extremes, these social horrors, are the products of the decomposing, vermin-infested capitalist system; and upon this system the Socialist Party, in the name of the working class, its most cruelly outraged victims, has declared war to the death.

"When it is understood that the Socialist Party is the party of the working class, its mission, in the presence of existing conditions, seems so evident that it almost suggests itself.

"What workingman, unless his brain has been extinguished in wage-slavery, can fail to understand that the Socialist party is his party as against the Republican party, the Democratic party, and all other capitalist parties, because it is the only party that stands for his class, the only party whose mission it is to organize his class for the overthrow of wage slavery and the emancipation of the workers from capitalist tyranny and misuse.

"O workers of America, use your brains in your own interests instead of being satisfied with deforming your bodies to enrich your masters!

"You were born to noble manhood, not to serve as beasts of burden.

"Be men enough to think and act for yourselves, and if you do, the mission of the Socialist Party will appeal to your intelligence and claim your allegiance and support.

"To conquer capitalism, to abolish slavery, to put an end to poverty, to overcome injustice, to be free men, to have the right to work, to secure what your labor produces, to see your wives and children clad in the joys of home and health, peace and plenty, you have but to do one thing, and that can be expressed in one word: UNITE.

"You are a vast majority of the earth, and ought to rule it.

"You are lacking in intelligence only, and this you have the means and opportunity to cultivate.

"The mission of the Socialist Party is to free your minds from prejudice, cultivate your intelligence, develop your brains, that you may become the slaveless masters of the earth.

"When you succeed to power, all humanity will be free and civilized, and the exercise of power to silence the discontent of slaves will be no longer necessary.

"To organize the working class into a political party to battle for and achieve their own emancipation is the mission of the Socialist Party, and every worker in the land should hail with joy its glorious advent and join with all his heart the swelling chorus of the Social Revolution."

## German Socialists Worry the Kaiser

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Read carefully all the doings and sayings of the German Socialists. Socialists, like other human beings, revert to barbarism when war starts. Those who believed that the German Socialist party would work against war were foolishly surprised when they heard those Socialists "howling with the wolves" most lustily.

But even the primitive barbarian Social Democrat knows when he is beaten.

In studying what the Socialists say in Germany you study what the working people there feel and want now.

While the Kaiser was killing Belgians apparently on his way to Paris everything went smoothly. The Social Democrats were as happy as so many hated bourgeois.

He started the war to rid of Social Democracy. And that very war undoubtedly will turn Germany over to the Social Democrats.

They are the workers, the young men taken from the farms and educated with kicks and cuffs in the army—taught to hate their officers.

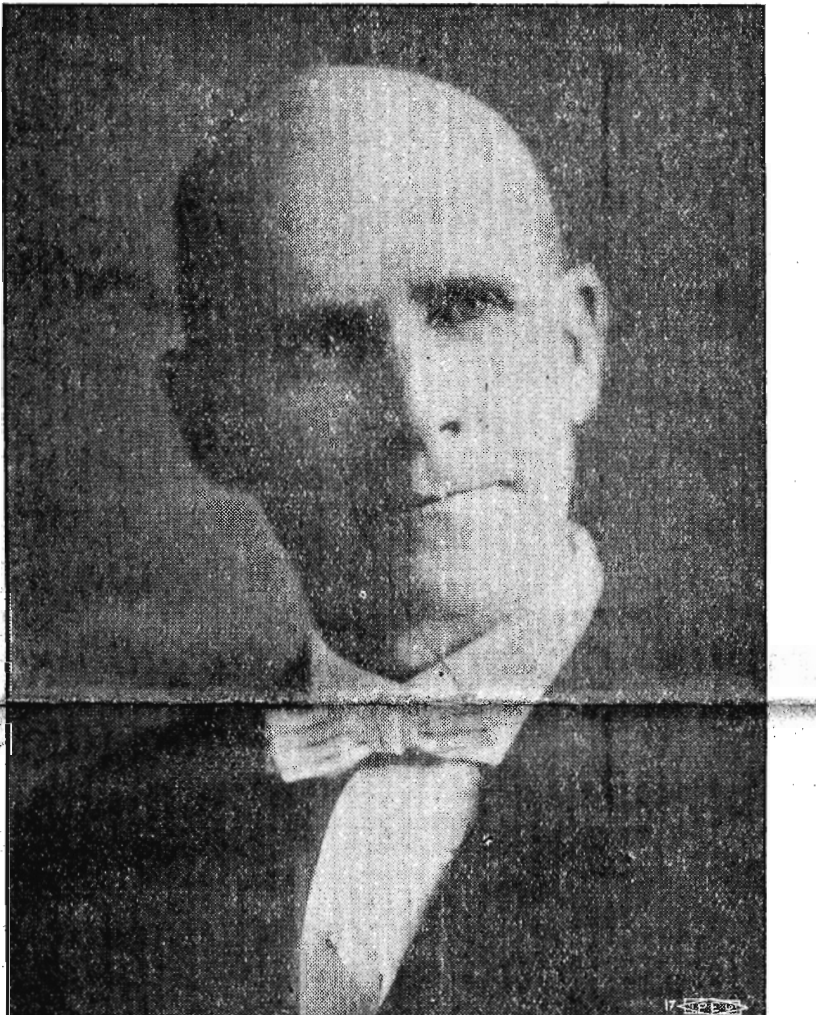
Study those German Socialists carefully now as you would study the barometer if you were looking for a cyclone.

The Prussian House of Lords is about to expel Prince Lichnowsky, German ambassador to London, who told the truth about the war—namely, that Germany started it and England did everything possible to avoid it.

Wise Lichnowsky is hiding in Switzerland, writing his memoirs. He needn't cry over his seat in the Prussian House of Lords, for that institution will soon be like the core in the little boy's apple—there won't be any.

That applies also to the English House of Lords. The British Labor party plans the abolition of that institution when the war ends.

Hurry up, Mr. Rich Man, if you want your daughter to marry a genuine peer of the realm.



It is customary, under the capitalist system, to wait until great and good men die before giving lectures about them; but in the case of the great and good man of my subject, I am intent on speaking my words of kindness and appreciation of his sterling worth and splendid character while he lives, and bringing my loving tribute of praise and floral offerings, not to his funeral, but to his living, warm hand-clasp and great sympathetic heart that beats true to every pulsation of our common humanity in the industrial struggle of the working class today.

This man, "Gene" Debs, was born into this world November 5, 1855, at Terre Haute, Indiana. There were ten children in the family. His mother died April 29, 1906, and the following November 27, 1906, his father also passed away.

These parents were known in that happy French home as "Danny" and "Daisy." In this ideal home, love reigned supreme and service and sacrifice were given cheerfully by each member for the joy and good of such and all. The stories of his childhood and few years of schooling are replete with family interest. The law of his life was work, yet he was equally enthusiastic in all the joys and sports of childhood. His school days ended with honorable graduation from the Old Seminary School in Terre Haute, where the Indiana State Normal School now stands. In May, 1870, he began at the age of fifteen years to

1892, which was unanimously rejected, and he was unanimously rejected to all the offices previously held. The Convention unanimously voted him two thousand dollars for a trip of rest to Europe; this he modestly rejected.

At the help of a few others, he organized, in Chicago, in 1893, The American Railway Union, and his salary was fixed at seventy-five dollars per month. During the last two years of the existence of the organization, he drew no salary at all. His motive for resigning from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen is best told in his own words: "I do this because it pleases me and there is nothing I would not do, so far as human effort goes, to advance any movement desired to reach and rescue suffering humanity. I have a heart for others, and that is why I am in this work. When I see suffering about me, I, myself, suffer; and so when I put forth my efforts to relieve others, I am simply working for myself. I do not consider that I have made any sacrifice whatever; no man does, unless he violates his conscience." Here is the secret and power of this great labor hero's life—"a heart for others" and "When I see suffering, I, myself, suffer." This is Christly. This is the spirit that suffering and dying humanity is in need of today; the spirit of the Christ, and of the "good Samaritan." Such is the heart and soul of the greatest friend of labor in America today—Eugene V. Debs.

### Are You Lending a Hand?

The expenses of the defense of Comrade Debs are continually mounting higher. We must have funds with which to meet these necessary expenses. Every comrade is urged to circulate the lists which have been sent them and to use every means to secure these funds.

Debs has offered his liberty and his life on the altar of Labor, but no worker should be willing to see him made a martyr to labor unjustly and without the best legal fight which it is possible to make. Give to his defense and assist workers to do so.

### Debs Defense

- C. A. Crites, .....
- Alois Nick, list, .....
- Jos. McKim, list, .....
- Chas. Litz, .....
- Carl Dermae, list, .....
- Joseph Bower, .....
- M. W., .....
- Carpenters' Union No. 1365, .....

### Notice to Readers

This paper is paid for. If it opens your eyes to some economic facts help on the work by contributing to the Ohio Socialist Propaganda Fund.

This fund supplies the means of sending the paper to workers who, like you, are looking for economic light.

The world is facing the worst crisis ever known to mankind since the dawn of civilization. We are at the forks of the road. It is either industrial feudalism and one of the worst forms of slavery ever known to the human race, or else it is Socialism and economic freedom. It is up to the working class to decide.—Union News.

A Monitor correspondent in London notes the fact that war literature of today is literature of realism, portraying the war from a humane standpoint. This is true, he says, because war literature of today is produced in great part by soldier-poets and soldier-authors and not by armchair-fighter scribes, as previously.

### Attitude of French Socialists on the War

PARIS, July 23.—The Federal Socialist Council of the Seine held a meeting preparatory to that of the National Socialist Council on Sunday. The deliberations of the Seine council are always interesting, showing as they do the world to aid the Russian people in their struggle for freedom.

On this occasion four motions were



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SOCIALIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Late Organization, Social and Other News of Live Members and Locals

GIVE A DOLLAR FOR DEBS AND DEMOCRACY

WITH OUR EDITORS

To the cry of the workers for more wages to take and keep the wrinkles out of their stomachs comes, as a diversion, the cry of the artists' models for more pay for commercial posing because the perpetual smiling wrinkles their faces.

"By experience we find out a short way by a long wandering." Political wanderers will find the Socialist Party the short cut to the Brotherhood of Man.

HOGS AND BABIES

Hogs first. Hogs come first because under capitalist profits come first. There is profit in hogs. Because there is profit in hogs state legislatures have voted tens of thousands of dollars out of state funds so that nice, fat, healthy, good looking hogs, the kind which bring most profit, may be raised, instead of sickly, skinny hogs.

At Wooster, Ohio, prize hogs were being used in a special nutrition test. The Ohio experiment station, located at Wooster, wanted to learn the best and quickest way to raise and fatten hogs, for the quickest way to fatten hogs is also the quickest route to fat profits.

Now as to babies. At the same time that fat hogs were enjoying both night and day the cool breezes wafted through their bristles by electric fans, babies were dying in Cleveland like flies in a "kill 'em" campaign. These babies died because of the extreme heat.

There's no profit in babies. Therefore let them die. Capitalism means profits first and all the time. Capitalism supported by the Republican and Democratic parties says—to hell with the babies and hurrah for the hogs.

AND WHAT DO YOU SAY? We said there's profit in hogs. We did not say the poor farmer got the profit. But the Packers' Trust does. The farmer takes a deep interest in fattening hogs quickly and at least expense so that the Packers' Trust may make \$120,000,000 every four years. Generous farmer!

WHAT'S THE IDEA?

The Vorwartz, organ of the German majority Socialists, has published a letter to Camille Huysmans, secretary of the old Internationale, written by the executive of the German majority Socialists, declaring its willingness to participate in an International Socialist Conference, to include American Socialists.

"To include American Socialists"—What's the idea? Why this special desire on the part of the German majority Socialists that American Socialists be invited? Does the German Socialist majority dare hope for a minute that they will find support from American Socialist delegates at such a conference?

If the American Socialist Party is anything at all, it is international in principle and being so, how can German majority Socialists, who have violated internationalism and given their support to national autocracy, militarism and continued war, expect support from the American Socialist Party, which as a party is especially opposed to their support of the kaiser, and his Pan-Germans, who are in fact the German nation as it is known today.

Why should Socialists so extremely national as the German Socialist majority attend an international conference anyway? Or are they so far gone that they put on convictions for occasions?

The number of rumors that the Ex-Czar still lives now equals the number to the effect that he is dead. Suppose we give him the benefit of the doubt and consider him henceforth as dead, no matter what he does.

Don't let impatience kill your usefulness to the Socialist movement. Remember—"First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."

BELMONT COUNTY BOASTS THE FINEST SINGER

That the picnic held by the comrades of Belmont County, on July 28, was a grand success is evidenced by a letter received from Comrade Frank Stidd. His letter states that though the crowd was not so large as may have been expected the lack in numbers was made up in enthusiasm and enjoyment. The crowd was most orderly as there was no intoxicants of any kind sold on the ground.

GALION SOCIALISTS RE-ORGANIZE FOR GOOD

One of our most conscientious and earnest comrades is William M. Brown, secretary of the newly re-organized local at Galion. Since the visit which Comrade M. J. Beery made there in the first part of the month the comrades have been re-organizing with splendid results and are pushing an energetic program of constructive work.

GUERNSEY COUNTY SOCIALISTS PUT ON FIGHTING CLOTHES

Cambridge, O., Aug. 12, 1918. "Our picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11, 1918, was a grand success despite the fact that it rained until nearly noon. Fully 1,200 people were in attendance and were not for the heavy rain here would at least have been 2,500 people with us. Many people who would have come to the picnic by auto failed to get there due to the bad condition of the roads.

However, it was a sweeping victory over a forecast of what the people of Guernsey county will do on election day for Socialism next November. A notable feature of the occasion was the attendance of a large number of people who always opposed the Socialist Party previous to the war, but at this time were displaying a deep interest in what our speakers so ably presented.

Comrade Frank L. Martin, our candidate for congress, gave a very interesting talk in his characteristic way, and brought forth many rounds of applause, and kept the audience amused with his cheerful, but bitter, denunciations of the old party's cheap demagogues. Comrade E. L. Hitchens very ably presented his theme, "The Past, Present and Future of Socialism" and continually kept the audience in a high pitch of enthusiasm which was manifested by the frequent applause. Comrade Hitchens is well informed on the labor movement.

Comrade E. H. Dayton was in charge of arranging amusements for the children, which consisted of a number of swings and to the credit of Comrade Dayton it must be said that the kiddies were treated to a most enjoyable day. Every comrade worked hard and with great success. The comrades of Guernsey County have been on the defensive long enough, but the time has arrived when we should take the offensive, and I believe we are. The old party politicians and capitalist lieutenants and stool pigeons are in retreat in the face of a withering fire of Socialists.

If a thing is worth having it is worth fighting for, so lets buck up and, clad in our armor of Socialist truth, go forth to win and do or die. I hope that we can arrange for a Debs' meeting, and our committee will meet very soon to discuss the prospects of arranging for one."

FARMERS ANXIOUS TO SIGN PETITIONS

Tiffin, O. Inclosed find list of names of farmers. Nearly all of them have signed the petitions. Can you send them sample copies of the Ohio Socialist? I think they are beginning to wake up, so if any of them would have signed our petitions a few days ago, how few of them will refuse. I think if we can get them to read a few issues of the Ohio Socialist, whose arguments are unanswerable, they will come over to the Socialist Party and vote their class ticket. Your letters to the delinquent members are bearing fruit, our last meeting was the best we have had for a year.

M. J. BEERY REPORTS ON GALION MEETING

Mansfield, O., Aug. 4, 1918. I have just returned from Galion, where we had a very successful meeting. My wife and daughter went with me and assisted all they could. It seems from what I could learn that the local had sort of gone to sticks so I advised them to reorganize, which they did before my few days visit. I got a list of 25 or 30 names of new and old members, together with an order for that many initiation stamps. They have quite a supply of dues stamps on hand, which I told them to use up in stamping the members' books as they pay their entrance fee. There were about 50 or 60 at the meeting, including a delegation from Bucyrus and Crestline. On the whole the meeting was very encouraging from several angles; first, because Galion reorganized with such bright prospects; second, because Bucyrus comrades became enthusiastic and the comrades from there vowed to go right back home and re-organize the best local that has ever been in Bucyrus; and third, the Crestline comrades vowed to go home and fight harder than ever for the work-

A PICTURE WITH A STORY



Remember! REMEMBER THE BOYS IN JAIL

WRITE THEM A LETTER

BUY A SUSTAINING STAMP ONCE A MONTH

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Sustaining Fund Receipts to Aug. 16, Local Kenmore, Marietta, Columbus German Branch, Chicago Junction, Total, Expenditures to Sept. 1, Prisoners Dependents, Necessities, Total.

GUERNSEY COUNTY WILL CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

Through a letter received from Comrade Harley C. Tilton, of Derwent, we learn that the workers of Guernsey county will celebrate Labor Day under the auspices of the Guernsey County Central Labor Union. Some noted speakers are scheduled to address the toilers on this occasion. Governor Cox, John H. Walker and Adolph German, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, will be the chosen speakers we are informed. Comrade Tilton closes his letter with this significant statement, "It may be a long time before we have a few Socialists in all labor organizations."

SOCIALIST SENTIMENT GROWING AMONG FARMERS

One of the most encouraging pieces of news which reaches the State Office these days is the assertion made by comrades throughout the state as to the growth of Socialist sentiment in the rural sections. Several comrades this last week have referred to this favorable sentiment for a new order of things among the farmer folk. To those who would belittle the part which the small farmer plays and will continue to play in the social revolution, we wish to state that the facts do not seem to justify such a stand. Inevitably the dying social system fertilizes and makes productive the soil for the development of the New Society among all classes of useful toilers, farmers as well as wage earners.

PORTAGE COUNTY LOCAL IN GOOD SHAPE

A letter received from Comrade H. F. Miner, of Local Portage County, says, "We are pleased to advise you that our local is considerably better here—Ed.) We expect to hold another social gathering in the near future and we hope to get a good many subscriptions to the Ohio Socialist and some new members."

ROSS D. BROWN HAS GREAT MEETING AT EAST LIVERPOOL

That the comrades of East Liverpool drew a winner when they accepted a Ross D. Brown meeting, is well proven by this enthusiastic note received from W. E. Lewellen. "The Brown meeting was fine. Comrade Brown is a wonder and the movement needs more like him to brave the perils of present day capitalism here in America."

POLISH SOCIALISTS TO ORGANIZE IN OHIO

Under recent date we are informed by the Polish Federation Translator Secretary, Theodore Zerlan, that a Polish organizer will soon be placed in Ohio to build up the Socialist movement among the Poles of this section. A branch of this Federation was recently organized in Akron.

SOCIALISTS ENJOY OUTING, GIVE TO DEBS DEFENSE

Dear Comrade: Find enclosed \$13.75 for Debs' defense. Was able to collect this at our outing yesterday. Had a fine crowd and a good time with good speaking by Frank L. Martin, William Thompson and E. L. Hitchens. Every one went home feeling that it was good to have been there. Yours for our Gen's freedom and Socialism in our day. I have some Debs' defense lists on hand and am still on the job. Joseph McKim Derwent.

Report on Chicago Conference

The first National Conference of State Secretaries has come and passed and some report to the membership in order. It is not the purpose of this report, however, to go into details deeply at this time as a more complete report will be placed before the membership as quickly as the minutes of the Conference are obtainable.

In the first place it is well to remember that the Conference was without legislative powers and was called for the purpose of discussing organization and propaganda matter almost entirely and that it was the FIRST Conference of State Secretaries. That misconceptions as to the purpose of the Conference would exist in the minds of some comrades was not surprising. Socialists are so accustomed to owning legislative powers in conventions and so little use (regrettable as it is) to discussing strictly organization matters, that some found it hard to accommodate themselves to the purpose of the Conference.

The Conference convened Saturday Aug. 10, at about 10 a. m., and was opened by National Secretary German. Committees were elected and the first day and half of the second were taken up with these matters and with five minute reports of Secretaries upon matters of propaganda and organization.

Resolution Committee's Report The resolution committee presented some timely resolutions upon the Tom Mooney case and for recognition of the Soviet government of Russia by this government. Also some recommendations concerning organization work in the party. These recommendations bore especially upon distribution of leaflets, kind and quality; work of organizers, formation of Y. P. S. L.s and work among women. Also upon literature bearing upon women's problems. A very good report and containing much of value to the organization.

Ways and Means Committee's Report The report of the Ways and Means Committee comprised some of the most important ideas broached at the conference. We believe the committee judged rightly in its recommendation of an increase in dues of 10c per month and the establishing of an initiation fee of 50c. The realization that the party has to seek an assurance of a regular source of income is becoming more and more apparent as time passes—and the scope of party work broadens. An increase of 10c per month, 50c of which would go to the National Office, would solve many of the financial problems of organization work, which are necessary before the National Office can proceed properly in its rightful work in weaker states.

It was realized by the Conference that the party must seek to stabilize and increase its source of finances in order to replace much of the constant call for donations and contributions. The 50c initiation fee was also considered necessary and a very proper means of financing the party. Half of this sum was recommended to go to the National Office.

Y. P. S. L. CONVENTION PROGRAM

Mansfield, O., Aug. 16, 1918. Dear Comrade: Herewith find a condensed report of arrangements of Y. P. S. L. Convention Committee for Saturday, Aug. 31, in the afternoon.

Consisting of banquet, recitations, short speeches, singing and dancing. Musical numbers by Mansfield's famous Red Orchestra, also musical solos, "Pickles for Two," a comedy sketch, by Lewis L. Anliker, and Joseph A. Boyer. Professor August Hollis, Hypnotic Expert. J. N. Blair, of Akron, in "Strong Arm and Jaw" act, and magic numbers. Other features will be added later on.

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14-Pictures of Delegates and Visitors.
15-Reports of Various Leagues.
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A letter from Comrade Nick Weltlich, of Massillon, states that the hot weather has had a depressing effect upon the activities of the membership, but that in spite of that the comrades expect to raise about \$50 for Debs' defense. About half of this amount is now subscribed.

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By A. M. STIRTON I am waiting, only waiting, till the danger's past and gone, I've had my eye upon you, movement and I'll join you later on. But to lose my vote at present, it would surely be a sin, So I'll vote for Socialism when I see you're sure to win.

Value of Conference to Party

The question arises as to the value of the Conference as a means of increasing our knowledge of organization methods and other party work. In our opinion the idea and principle of the Conference is decidedly correct. What was lacking at this Conference was a pre-arranged plan and outline of the work to be taken up by the delegates. This could easily be remedied by establishing shortly before the date the Conference is to meet, a communication service between State Secretaries for the express purpose of outlining a definite plan for conducting the work of the Conference and should seek to encourage before hand consideration of the certain work which would come before it. By doing so every secretary would arrive at the Conference thoroughly equipped for the business to hand.

We are sure, however, that the delegates to this Conference learned many things of value from their work and that the money spent for this purpose was well spent. The Conference coming at this critical period had a healthy and coherent effect upon the comrades there. That the Socialist Party is now thoroughly united is an unquestioned fact, apparent to the most blind. WE ARE UNITED. Don't let any one tell you differently. We are not only united, but we are united for a purpose and all the forces of evolution are with us in the forwarding and accomplishment of that purpose. We are moving forward, steadily forward, in spite of hes and misrepresentation heaped upon us by those who lose when the workers gain.

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\$5.00 For Whom?

A comrade has donated \$5.00 to the State Office to be offered as a prize to the boy or girl under thirteen years of age who will write and mail to The Ohio Socialist the best article on Socialism before November 1. We have decided to print all the articles submitted and a committee consisting of Marguerite Prevey of Akron, Jesse Jason Ruffer of Seville and Walter Bronstrup of Cleveland, will decide which is the best. The boy or girl writing the best article gets the \$5.00. Should two contestants tie, the \$5.00 will be divided equally between them.

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT SOCIALISM

Third Prize Contest Essay I know that Socialism is for this; to help the poor people so they can live happily and won't have to worry and wish that they could live like other people. Socialism will raise their wages. Then the men will get enough money to support themselves and families. I will have more time for pleasure and time to travel to learn more about the country and the fathers would be able to give their children a better education. The cost of living will be brought down so that the people can have health and more food and clothing. It will bring better conditions in the slums so that the poor children will be able to have plenty of fresh air and sunshine. They will also be relieved from their work and they will be able to play among the trees, flowers and birds. They would have better food and be better satisfied. As the last Ohio Socialist said, "Men will die cheerfully with a full stomach, but won't live with an empty stomach." Under Socialism the people will be educated to think so that the capitalists won't be able to control them. EFFIE WILLIAMS, Age 12. R. F. D. 12, Hubbard, O.

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# NEWS of the International Labor Movement

From Socialist Committee on Information, 811 E. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Julian Pierce, Chairman

## BRITISH LABOR HAS 400 CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENT

The British Labor Party is actively pursuing its campaign to maintain a majority of the members of the British House of Commons, which is to be elected this fall. At a recent Labor Party Conference in Liverpool, Mr. W. G. Anderson, one of the new members of Parliament, declared that there must be no more unemployment and that the exploitation of labor must cease. The following account of the Liverpool conference was printed in the Manchester Guardian of June 3rd.

## Peace Party Ready With 400 Candidates

Following a similar conference in Manchester on Friday evening, a special meeting concerned with organization for the National Peace Conference was held in St. Martin's hall, Liverpool, on Saturday. The chief speakers were Mr. Sidney Webb and Mr. C. Anderson, M. P.

Mr. Webb, in an address on the application of the new constitution and methods of organization of the party, justified the inclusion of individual members by asserting that unless a considerable number of the electors were enrolled as individual members the party would be powerless in the next election. The women must be secured, or they would be swept away by the Primrose League and other political organizations. If Labor men wished to win they must also change their attitude and adopt a more persuasive, rather than truculent ways. He insisted upon the need for organizing without delay.

Mr. Anderson said that Labor was determined to make a strong bid for power in the next general election. Already there were not far short of 400 candidates either in the field or prepared to enter the field when the time came. Labor had a tremendous opportunity now. The war had destroyed many things—perhaps more than the rulers of Europe had bargained for. It was shaking and rocking economic and political systems and destroying pre-war political parties. For years to come the big question that would confront the British people was reconstruction. We now had a Ministry of Reconstruction, and he believed there were about ninety different committees sitting somewhere behind closed doors arranging how we were to live and move and have our being after the war. The people themselves would have to have a voice in that. (Cheers).

One of the issues to be faced would be a kind of bureaucratic as against a democratic organization. Instead of trusting rulers the people themselves should rebuild their lives on the principles of freedom and liberty, and of co-operation in its widest sense instead of competition and self-interest. The use of force had been during the war. There must be no more unemployment, the work house must go altogether; everybody in the country must have the opportunity of living a decent and respectable life, and the exploitation of labor must cease—for life was more important than dividends. (Cheers). He did not wish to see a Socialist super-imposed upon the people in such a way that the people could not control it. (Hear, hear).

## BRITISH WOMEN DISCUSS MORAL STANDARDS FOR MEN

With the advent of 6,000,000 women voters to the British electorate, the women of Great Britain are seriously considering the possible use of their new power in order to impose higher moral standards upon men. The matter was recently discussed at the Labor conference of the British Dominions Women's Suffrage Union in London. The following account of the meeting is given in the Manchester Guardian of June 6th.

**Moral Standard for Men—Conference of Women From Dominions**

War problems of the gravest importance to the future life of the Overseas Dominions were dealt with by the conference of the British Dominions Women's Suffrage Union this morning. Miss Alison Neilsons dealt with the recent drastic legislation in the self-governing colonies concerning venereal disease, and Miss Atkinson, of New Zealand, moved a resolution condemning as utterly disgraceful the moral standard and an unwarrantable insult to the great majority of men the practice of regularly supplying prophylactics to soldiers on leave, and urging that all measures for stemming the dreaded disease should be based on the belief in the nobler side of human nature.

Mrs. Creighton, speaking on an amendment which suggested that where careful official instruction and appeal to motives of self-respect failed the issue of prophylactics as a last resort might be of advantage, strongly condemned the idea. There was something of hypocrisy, she said, in the lofty moral exhortations of an authority which at the same time gave a direct encouragement to vice, not only by supplying a sense of security but by suggesting to minds innocent of evil that they desired debasing experiences. It was one thing to help a man who has brought trouble on himself to get free from it, but quite another to help him to go into danger.

This point was also emphasized by Dr. Edward Beadon Turner, chairman of the British Medical Association. He said the use of prophylactics tended to protect the individual at the expense of the community. They were not a sure protection, and the issue by the authorities did injure the morals of the soldier by suggesting a sort of adventure which was probably far from his thought. He quoted the case of five young subalterns, who on getting leave were supplied with these remedies. They acted as they would not have done had the suggestion been omitted from their instructions. Regions as distant as Alabama, California and British Columbia have in past years been represented by full-time students, with or without scholarship aid and it is hoped that the class of 1918-19 will likewise include students from all parts of the country.

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## Working Class Mothers Toil in Mills, Babies Go to "Babies' Hotel"

The first "Babies' Hotel" in Bolton was opened yesterday for the reception and care of infants, whose mothers are at work in the mill or in munitions. There is accommodation for forty babies, and if the advantages are appreciated new "hotels" will be opened in other parts of the town.—Manchester Guardian, June 3.

## Peace-by-Negotiation Parade Forbidden in Birmingham

The Lord Mayor and Chief Constable of Birmingham have issued a notice prohibiting the holding of an open meeting and procession for the purpose of promoting peace by negotiation and against conscription.—Manchester Guardian.

## The Capitalist Press

**By CHARLES SPRADING**

These peddlers of piffle are indeed a menace. They ruin the mind by filling it so full of stories with no truth in them, or argument which has no logic and of conclusions without sense, that the mind has no room for a real idea or a fact.

The press chatters much these days about "this great free press." Free from what? Certainly not from newspaper influence; certainly not from the Billy Sunday superstition. "The great free press" is a free press of great lies, from "free" from ideas of their own.

No thinker, from Thomas Jefferson to the present day, has had any respect for the metropolitan press. Our great free press! It is free from facts. It is free from truth. It is free from justice. It is free from ideas. It is free from principles. It is free from all those ideas that bind and hold honest people together. Yes, it is free from all that should bind and hold them together.

I could cite dozens and dozens of instances where the public's indignation was aroused and used by the designing press. But those with a memory and a little knowledge will recall numerous instances of this kind themselves. I recall one instance where a newspaper converted a town into a howling mob, and it hanged a man who was afterwards proved absolutely innocent. This only injured one man and his family, but similar things are done to large groups of people as well.

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## The Rind School

Nineteen students have been graduated this spring in the Full-Time Training Course of the Rind School of Social Science in New York. Besides, more than a dozen did the major portion of the required work. This graduating group includes thirteen men and women of various ages, from twenty and thirty-five, and representing nine different states. The spirit of this class is partly indicated by the fact that before finishing their course its members raised a sum of \$250 to provide a scholarship next season, and a valuable gift of books to the Rind School Library, and are now helping to put together the thousand dollars which the school has pledged to the Million Dollar Fund. Many are already working as party organizers, etc.

Preparations are now well under way for the eighth repetition of the course, which will run from November 9, 1918, to May 4, 1919. Notwithstanding the difficulties incident to the draft and other war conditions, there is reason to expect a good number of students from all parts of the country. It is hoped especially that many young women will take up the course this time, to equip themselves for the great amount of propaganda, educational and organizing work, both for the party and for the unions, which will be required in the immediate future, in consequence of the extension of the suffrage and also of the great influx of women and girls in the industrial field.

The course is being greatly improved at this time both by the cooperation of a large number of liberal-minded college professors and other trained educators, and also by the establishment of closer relations with progressive labor unions than have ever before existed, which will give increased opportunities for practical field work.

Persons who think of coming to New York to take up this training course will be well advised to communicate with the Educational Director of the Rind School, 7 East 15th Street, New York, at once, especially if they have serious financial obstacles to overcome. Contributions from sympathetic organizations and individuals make it possible this year to give aid from the Scholarship Fund to a considerable number of students, and in order that such aid may be judiciously awarded it is announced that all applications for scholarships must be received not later than September 1.

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## The Mooney Case and the Class Struggle

The Mooney case has given us a concrete example of the international class struggle.

No hint came from any government in any land in behalf of Mooney until the workers overthrew the capitalist government of Russia. The first international act of the Russian Workers and Soldiers' Council was to cable President Wilson asking about Mooney? Since then the working men's organizations in all lands have been asking about Mooney. It caused the forces at Washington, D. C., that govern this nation to awake and ask about Mooney. Twice the president has wired to Governor Stephens about Mooney and the Commission he sent out here was busy for several weeks inquiring about Mooney. Their report speaks well for their interest.

In the U. S. of L., the Socialists are the Workers' Party. The Industrial Workers of the World are at least united in demanding the freedom of Mooney.

And then what has Tom Mooney, Rena Mooney, Ed. Nolan, Israel Weinberg and Warren K. Billings done for the cause of labor? The above paragraph answers the question. It has united all the rank and file of labor, regardless of difference of opinion on tactics, into one body, thinking one thought, and demanding one thing—THE FREEDOM OF ALL THESE DEFENDANTS. DEMANDING THAT THIS FARCE END.

Here is a little note from Manchester, England, that expresses it well: Manchester, England, June 4th. "A high time that this farce ended." The Cotton Factory Times in its report of the trial of Thomas J. Mooney put it thus and we know that the same thought is echoed from a thousand labor papers throughout the world. In fact many of the capitalist dailies have said the same thing since the President has interceded for Mooney.

And here is another thing this case has done for labor. It has exposed the possibility of hanging a man, although innocent, if he is once declared guilty by a jury of business men and the higher court can find no misprisoned word in the record.

The Mooney case has shown crookedness in many labor leaders. Because Mooney is not in the ring of labor bosses and is opposed to them, they are willing to let him rot in jail or go to the gallows. I refer to men like Brouillet of San Francisco and some even higher up than he.

The Mooney case has shown us that lengths the Chamber of Commerce will go when it is opposed to the organization of labor and when such Chambers are controlled by soulless corporations like the United Railroads of San Francisco.

The Mooney case has shown the subservience of the officials who are called prosecuting attorneys, judges and law makers. Some of these have stooped to the lowest acts one could imagine a human being performing. They have stabbed Mooney in the back. They have called him unworthy and advocated lynching and an assistant prosecutor said that if every witness against Mooney was proven a perjurer he would not raise a finger to save him.

Labor has depended upon the assumption that all men are equal before the law. Thousands are doubting this now. Labor has thought that men were really tried by a jury of their peers, but they have found that belonging to a union is enough to disqualify them from sitting on a jury when a fellow unionist is framed up and on trial. Labor has learned that preachers can stay mum, that professors can be dumb and that lawyers will only speak when they are paid heavy fees. Labor has found out that newspapers are but the expression of the powers that control them and that headlines are poison used to dope the mind of the public while the masters put across frame-ups, camouflage and billingsgate.

A man's world is as big as he is able to reach out and do good or evil to them can be done to all. The hanging of Mooney will only lead to the hanging of many more.

Few men really plan the international scope of their own being. Certainly these defendants did not. There has come into this case many men and women who need to know each other. They have spoken as ships that pass in the night of capitalism. They give each other the pass word of democracy. Captains on the new ship of destiny have sailed on with their messes of labor's impending victory, the downfall of tyranny and the emancipation of all mankind.

Yes, we have spent our money well for Mooney. The Mooney case has done great good for labor. The victory is to labor, Mooney and his associates have done their part well. Thanks are due the framers, after all, for the mighty forces they have let loose to teach the workers the way to freedom.

The bastions will fall from around our prisoners and brothers, workers' unite to control industrial and political affairs of all mankind. Until then we must spend money. We must go on working as we never worked before. What we have generated we must direct into motion power for freedom. Where we have been negative we must become positive.

Not a grave of the murderer's for freedom, but grows seed for freedom. In its turn to bear seed. Which the winds carry afar and nourish.

Not a disembodied spirit can the weapons of tyrants let loose, but it stalks invisibly over the earth, whispering, counseling, cautioning.

Let his good cheer of hope to you whoever you are, and he feels assured that we are sending it back to him. Dead or alive he salutes you.—COMRADE!—San Francisco World.

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## Negroes Organizing in Socialist Party

The new negro is awakening. After having been the political Van Winkle of America for fifty years, sleeping in the cesspools of Republican reaction, he has at last opened his eyes. In New York City, in the very heart of the negro settlement, there has been organized the Twenty-ninth Street Socialist Party Branch, which includes all white and colored Socialists in the district. The branch has grown to about one hundred members in two weeks, all of whom are dues paying and in good standing.

The new negro leaders are pointing out to the Republican party as the worst fraud in the Democratic party is openly against the negro. The Republican party is ever striking him a blow in the back. Either one or the other of those parties has been in power for the last fifty years, and that is the Socialist party of the time. The Jim Crowism, segregation, lynching, disfranchisement and discrimination are as much the work of the Republican as the Democratic party. Jim Crowism railroads was upheld in a decision by Charles E. Hughes. Laws have thrived under McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. The Grandfather disfranchisement laws were passed under the guardianship of the Republican party. The Summer Civil Rights bill was declared unconstitutional by the Republican Supreme Court.

What negro workers need is more wages for their work, shorter hours for leisure, recreation and education, and better conditions under which to work. The party which stands for these things is the Socialist party. It is also the party which stands at all times in all countries against race prejudice. Indeed many of the finest workers in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are Socialists. Instance Miss Mary White Ovington, its vice president. Let the colored people throughout the country get into the Socialist party. No prejudice will be found anywhere and you will become a power to be feared and respected throughout this nation.—The Messenger.

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## The Change Is Coming

Standing on the threshold of social upheavals of tremendous importance in the midst of a crisis opening a new era of the political and economic history of the world, it is of some interest to recall earlier studies of the political and social evolution of the society based on the theories of economic determinism.

A rehearsal of such studies is important for many reasons, and none the least in order to prepare one's self for the practical solution of ensuing social problems.

Vital parts of the capitalist order of disintegration. A deep gap of irreconcilable conflicts is widening before our eyes. Because the question of international relations of the world now are at their most critical stage, these conflicts are more easily noticed on the background of international relations than in the internal class relations and social institutions of various nations.

A keen observer, however, cannot fail to see that the main aspects of the social problems cannot be solved by solving the international problem alone. And then, in the older capitalist countries, no solution of the international problems seems possible unless the solution is based upon a rapid transformation of the economic foundations of capitalistic national units, making them first of all, and principally the servants of the paramount interests of the society as a whole.

No thinking being would assume that the accumulated material and spiritual debts of the past years could be counterbalanced by empty air. These debts have grown so big, so incomparably immeasurable, that the assets of the capitalist society, alongside with the debts, verily may be counted as naught.

Germany may be taken as an illustration. The material indebtedness, charged against Germany's future, is somewhere in the neighborhood of 12 billions of marks. This is admitted by the German government itself. It means that the capitalist society of Germany, in order to maintain itself, must meet the payments of this gigantic indebtedness in a manner in accordance with the economic laws of the capitalist society. If the state is not able to perform this task, the entire economic order of the society becomes immersed in a state of complete confusion.

Of the above-mentioned indebtedness of 12 billions of marks, a sum of 2,000 marks would be apportioned to each and every man, woman and child in Germany—an average of 10,000 marks to each and every family. The interest on the indebtedness, at a rate of five per cent, would make 600 marks to each family—about 50 per cent of the average annual earnings of the individual laborers of Germany.

In addition to that, there will be regular state and municipal expenditures, and many extraordinary expenses. The maintenance of the invalids and the orphans alone will demand hundreds of millions. Other expenses of the state and of the municipalities, added thereto, would mean that almost two-thirds of the average wage earnings would be taken by the state and municipal treasuries, either by direct or indirect taxation.

In order to alleviate this situation, it might be possible to consider a heavy taxation of big business profits. Yet there is a limit to the feasibility of such measures. Capital does not stand exorbitant taxation. A capitalist state must handle its capital with a velvet hand. A heavy taxation of large incomes is possible only as an emergency measure, or then as a deliberate step toward the expropriation of capital in the interest of the economic life of the society as a whole. The latter, however, is nothing less and nothing more than the abolition of the capitalist society, to make room for the socialist order.

At any event, funds whereby to cover the payments of the indebtedness and other expenses of the state must be valued created by social labor, each certificate good enough to serve as payment of interests or other state expenses, must represent actual labor performed. This labor must be extracted from the brain of the workers. Figures and letters written or printed on a piece of paper alone do not count—the only thing which counts is the labor represented by the figures and letters.

Here we have the point, arriving at which the capitalist society is losing its foundation. And every government which is trying to maintain itself as a part of a social order lacking a foundation, and even without any visible walls, is irrevocably doomed to perdition, no matter whether the form of that government be monarchial or republican.

A state carrying on its shoulders

an indebtedness of such vastness as stated above might consider two theoretically possible methods of salvation. Yet, both of them are impossible when put into practice.

The first of these measures would be that the standard of life of all the producing classes should be depressed to such depths that their members would have no other social aims and functions than a bare existence, the surplus of their labor being used to pay the interest and principal of the indebtedness—living without any of the comforts and pleasures of life, earning just that much that they may work and propagate new slaves of work.

Yet this theoretically possible salvation of the capitalist order of society is lacking practical possibilities. It would soon be found that there is one more relentless economic law, which says that a low standard of life of the great masses of a nation involves a low standard of the economic life of the nation as a whole. The production of commodities is possible only together with corresponding purchasing power of the nation. Niggard earnings on the part of the laboring masses mean a niggard consumption of commodities and a niggard consumption of commodities means, in its turn, a niggard state of industries.

And so we come to the second theoretically comprehensible measure of salvation of the capitalist order of society. Although the standard of life of the laboring masses were depressed to the lowest possible depths, the labor of the impoverished toilers might give a great surplus, or as the everyday expression goes, a great profit, if the foreign markets could be made to absorb the tremendous amount of the output. This, however, would presume great colonies to be exploited and material means of violence whereby to get and to preserve extraordinary privileges in the world trade.

The acquisition of any one or both of the old capitalist countries is impossible, at least to such a degree as to enable them to absorb the accumulated indebtedness of the past years in accordance with the recognized laws of the capitalist society.

It is not possible even to consider as a possibility a third method of the salvation of the capitalist order of any one of the partners in the big world market, because the demands to be extracted as the price of peace. First of all, not one of the partners in the game is strong enough to so completely subdue the other that the victor on the strength of the victory could compel the loser to pay the expense account of the winner.

Such a course would be physically impossible. It would be a dream of a maniac to assume that Germany could compel the workers of England, of France, of Italy, or of Russia to pay the war bill of Germany, or that she could make them submit to conditions which it would be necessary to maintain in order to extricate such sums at the cost of an unwilling world.

On the other hand, the assumption is beginning to take form that Germany by no means would be able to pay the boundless expenses of her enemies. Such a payment would be theoretically possible only at the cost of tying Germany, its people and its wealth to political and economic disaster and mortgage which in themselves would so handicap the rehabilitation of its economic life as to make any payments almost impossible. And even if it were possible to arrange for some kind of emergency and remunerative penal labor, the very conditions of such labor would become an inexhaustible source of new bitterness and conflicts throughout the world.

The question of the possibilities of the indemnification of any of the warring nations, to such an extent as to make possible the maintenance of the capitalist order, could then briefly be answered as follows:

No one of the opposed national groups is economically inexhaustible to such a degree that to the pressure of the burden of indemnities—yet both are strong enough and great enough to refuse to submit to exorbitant levies.

All previous wars, caused by the capitalist system of society, have in one or another part of the world strengthened the vitality of the capitalist order. The tremendous evolution of Germany during the past forty years gained great impetus from the successful war against France. Through the war with China, Japan laid the foundation of her capitalism and she strengthened the foundation through the war with Russia.

In this connection we wish to make it understood that we do not at all attempt to solve the question of the moral right to demand indemnities or

as to who is the possessor of such moral rights. This introduction constitutes only an attempt to examine certain historic and economic laws, which are very interesting, inasmuch as they do not act on the presupposition of the right or wrong of their logical consequences, nor do they consciously administer punishments to the wicked one or reward the virtuous.

Taking into account the impression made on the human minds by the conditions of the past three years, we find a tremendous increase of the number of those who firmly believe in the total abolition of the economic and political order which carries as its correlate such years of indescribable misery and destruction.—Spectator, London.

## Sowing a Revolution

**By ARTHUR BRISBANE**

Germany really wants peace—at last. She wants it now; she wants it in a hurry.

You can read between the lines, and in the lines of the Imperial Chancellor's speech, that he knows the game is up.

That is the big news of the moment.

While the world's civilization is making up its mind what to do about the out-of-date military autocracy that survives in Prussia, like some mammoth preserved in Siberian ice, another kind of autocracy, recently born, should watch the proceedings with interest.

This country is the home of that new-born autocracy, the autocracy of dollars, or organized monopoly, special privilege, national exploitation, backed up and exalted by a servile press that eats from the plutocrat's hand.

This country has just finished celebrating the great French anniversary.

The men whose specialty is robbing the people should realize just what has been celebrated.

Do they know what our best friend and highest example, France, DID on July 14, 1789?

Do they understand the meaning of the British Labor party's "after-the-war program"?

Can't they realize that a financial autocracy of arrogant, law-defying wealth is just as odious to a free people as were the court and gangsters on special privilege in France in the days of Louis XVI?

You men who control the public wealth of the nation make a serious mistake when you order your most solemn motto, "The New York Times," to attack the president, accuse him of protecting traitors, represent him as the "too willing gull" of organization, simply because he has asked congress for authority to manage your telegraphs and telephones in the public interest. Don't you know where your wealth comes from, or how quickly and regally it could vanish?

Get a short history of the French Revolution. Learn something.

Find out what happened to the king and court that would not listen to such a man as Necker, preferring Poulon and Berthie—soon to have their bodies kicked around in a gutter by a mob of Parisians.

This nation is peaceful and wishes to remain so within its vast borders. Why don't you allow it to be peaceful? Why don't you curb your overzealous, dishonest, servile corporation lawyers and corporation newspapers? Be satisfied with enough, with ten times your share. Be cautious.

YOU and your property—not they will bear the brunt if the storm comes.

Soon millions of men will come back from France, impressed with the value of force, and knowing how to use it.

Soon other millions of men will be suddenly dismissed from ammunition factories and shipyards, changed from ten dollar a day to a dollar and a half, or no job at all.

You ought to be in shape to face those men and answer the question they are going to ask. On that day officials' boot-licking newspapers, that now fatter and misled you, will run as rats run when light is turned on in the cellar.

And YOUR huge financial bulk, too big to run down the rathole, will have to stand and answer. Do you know what people are paying for the food they eat? Do you know how they feel about it?

Be careful. At least remember what is written here. In a year or two you may wish that you had paid attention to it.

Don't let the 14th of July pass over your heads without teaching you anything.

There are rough days ahead. You will need a pilot, not a "New York Times" manœuvre.—N. Y. American.

## Tabulation of Vote on State Referendum "C" for State Secretary and State Executive Committee.

**THE MAN WITHOUT AN ENEMY**

You can't hold convictions and avoid strife. Life is strife. To rise above the average means to rouse resentment, dislike and envy where you disappoint the expectations, defeat the hopes and upset the calculations of others who meet a setback in your victory.

If you have no enemies you're probably such a colorless, compromising, puny, piking lickspittle that nobody finds it worth while to notice your existence.

While there are crooks, sneaks, snides, quads, shysters, smart-alecs, traitors, grafters and rotters in the community, one can't be everybody's friend without condoning, upholding and sympathizing with everybody's icks. It is discreditible NOT to have enemies.—Miners' Magazine.

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Local Akron	11	15	9	6	4	16	8	29	34	1	4	7	9	6	14	18
Neffs Branch, Belmont Co.	21	40	34	2	1	7	4	42	1	8	1	4	19	10	8	26
Bellaire	10	4	7	3	2	1	5	5	8	1	1	2	2	4	1	3
Cincinnati	169	45	49	7	1	2	32	89	70	34	2	87	20	1	20	36
Cuyahoga Co.	199	116	61	30	25	10	128	107	254	55	24	20	83	33	31	31
Columbus	9	14	3	1	3	11	8	7	4	3	2	5	31	1	7	4
Dayton	6	2	6	2	3	9	5	18	2	6	2	2	13	1	7	4
East Liverpool	11	3	4	3	3	9	5	8	6	2	2	3	2	1	5	4
Fairview	2	1	7	3	1	3	7	2	2	1	2	5	1	2	2	2
Findlay	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Hubbard	13	9	9	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Jenera	11	6	3	9	5	7	5	2	1	4	3	1	1	4	3	1
Lectonia	12	11	11	5	1	6	6	10	1	4	3	2	6	5	2	6
Lectonia	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Mansfield	13	4	12	1	1	10	10	7	1	2	1	3	1	6	1	4
Massillon	9	1	7	1	1	1	6	3	7	2	4	1	3	3	1	1
Niles	22	7	9	7	1	1	23	11	11	17	2	10	5	2	7	15
Norwood	7	4	1	1	3	6	5	1	1	1	2	1	7	1	2	7
Oakman	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seneca County	9	7	1	3	2	5	7	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Staubenville	6	4	2	3	1	5	6	5	4	2	7	2	3	2	3	21
Toledo	20	17	14	6	4	2	5	11	14	6	4	2	7	2	3	21
Wadsworth	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Warren	8	2	2	2	2	17	18	18	1	1	1	3	13	1	1	15
Youngstown	12	7	2	2	2	11	10	7	2	8	1	1	5	3	4	14
Members at Large	14	7	7	8	2	1	6	14	16	4	1	1	5	3	1	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>92</b>